

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 19, 2006

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Lester, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

*Larry Corbin      Maria Klemack      Rich Lester      Ted Berry*

1. President Lester moved to excuse Mr. Stage; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Mr. Corbin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

2. President Lester recognized the Mayor who recognized the Parks and Recreation Dept. for Parks & Rec. Month. She read a Proclamation and noted that Ms. Conrad, Director of P&R, is currently the President of the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association. Ms. Conrad introduced the staff members present and noted that throughout the month she would be giving away t-shirts at different events. She presented Council Members with a t-shirt and her Annual Report.

3. President Lester read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

**The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, in the absence of Mr. Stage, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.**

1. Ordinance C-37-06 (Appropriate \$1,360.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Training) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Berry moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

2. Ordinance C-39-06 (Appropriate \$1,000.00 from the DARE Fund for Current Program Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 7/5/06.
3. Ordinance C-40-06 (Authorize the City Administrator to Purchase Property and Appropriate \$89,900.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Land Acquisition) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 7/5/06.

Ms. Christy King, Maryanne Pl., introduced herself to Council so they would be able to put a face with a name, as she wrote them a letter on concerning this property. She said she would be at the Public Hearing to address them.

4. Ordinance C-41-06 (Appropriate \$85,695.24 from the Bond Retirement Fund for the Current Expense of payment of Debt Services) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 7/5/06.
5. Ordinance C-42-06 (Appropriate \$2,931.73 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Vehicle Repair) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 7/5/06.

**The Chair recognized, Ms. Klemack, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.**

1. Ordinance C-43-06 (Enact Section 533.14 of the Codified Ordinances Prohibiting Registered Sex Offenders from Residing within 1,000 feet of a School Premises, Licensed Day Care Center, a City-Owned Park or Recreational Facility and Limiting Access to Certain City-Owned Premises) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 7/17/06.

**The Chair recognized, Mr. Corbin, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.**

1. Ordinance C-38-06 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Integrity Plus Auto Body Collision and Specialties for Motor Vehicle Services located at 6137 Enterprise Parkway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Harry Graham, petitioner, was present to answer any questions. President Lester asked if he agreed to the stipulations set by Planning Commission. Mr. Graham said yes.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

At this point, Mr. Corbin turned the meeting over to President Lester.

President Lester moved to excuse Mr. Corbin from voting on the next item; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Resolution CR-18-06 (Approve the Development Plan for Cardinal Place located at 4414 Broadway) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney for petitioner, explained that this process has been going on for about six (6) months. He said they have had some discussion with Council and interest expressed by Council on

some different issues. At this time, due to the time and the cost involved, and somewhat the strain and stress involved, he requested that this petition be withdrawn.

President Lester moved to withdraw the Resolution, at the petitioners request; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Corbin	Abstain
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Ms. Patti McIntire, Stephen St., asked if they would get any clarification. She asked what it meant for the Development Plan to be pulled. President Lester stated that the current plan, as forwarded by Planning Commission, and before Council under this Resolution is withdrawn. She asked if it meant there would be a new Development Plan submitted showing the land donation, rather than the cash donation. President Lester explained that any further development plan for this property would be up to the current owner or new developer. She then presented Council with a petition requesting that Council pursue the negotiations with the developer to purchase it for the expansion of Windsor Park or other City purposes. She noted that she did submit a Referendum Petition, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, but noted that the letter she received from Mr. Behlen's office was dated for March rather than May, and it did not state that the three page Ordinance was attached to each Petition. She wanted to clarify that for the record. She then asked about a project that was approved for this parcel in the 1990's under the name of Broadway Village. She did a little research on this and received a copy of a letter from the Mayor's office that voiced the same concerns the residents currently have - rezoning, drainage, traffic, etc. She asked why the same Administration is now advancing development on that property rather than possible park expansion. President Lester explained that this is for the current issue, which has now been withdrawn. He asked that she contact the Administration outside the Council meeting on that subject, so as not to put anyone on the spot. Ms. McIntire agreed to do so. She then stated that she has a copy of the Parks & Rec. Open Space Master Plan, which she believes this is a 10 year guide. Mayor Grossman said it is not a 10 year plan. They are currently updating that Guide, based on community meetings they hosted. Ms. McIntire noted in the 2001 Plan, it discusses this property as being a potential new front door for Windsor Park and little league fields. She asked why the property was suited for park expansion at that time and it now is suited for apartment development. Ms. Conrad explained that the comments the 2001 Plan were added at the last minute, just to identify possible park options that could be done with that land. What was identified was parking. However, they have reviewed the property since then and it has determined that it probably isn't in the best interest of the Park. Ms. McIntire stated that at the last meeting where this was discussed, a member of the Park Board spoke and asked that they be involved in any future park property before Council makes those decisions. She asked if they were conferred with when the decision was made to take the cash rather than the land. President Lester stated that it was his understanding that it was the Park Boards recommendation to take the cash rather than the ground. He said if Ms. McIntire wanted further clarification on that matter, she should contact the Park Board directly.

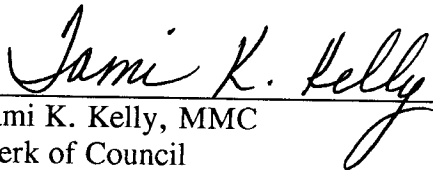
**The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.**

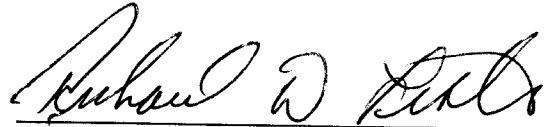
**The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.**

1. Mayor Grossman commented that the City is served by many volunteers that serve on Boards and Commissions. They are uncompensated and spend many hours to help give the city direction on what the people would like to have. She encouraged anyone who is interested in serving on one of the committees to send her a letter offering to serve. She then reported on upcoming events, including the Relay for Life this weekend and Independence Day Fireworks on July 1.

2. Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., commented that the Master Plan for Park ground is just a guideline for them to utilize as a tool. She said things change (money, opportunities) and that's why it's just a guide. She said if anyone ever has a concern about park ground, please give her a call. She said they have meetings and focus groups that residents can be involved in.
3. President Lester announced that the next regular meeting of Council would be held on Wednesday, July 5, rather than July 3, in observance of Independence Day.
4. After additional comments from the Mayor, Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

  
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Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

  
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Richard D. Lester  
President